



Report

2021-2022

TILL THE LAST ONE IS SAFE

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WHO WE ARE



The Feline Foundation is an animal welfare NGO in Versova, Mumbai that sterilizes and vaccinates stray cats, gives them medical treatment if required, and releases them back to their original location once they are healthy. We also work with our implementing partner Cat Café Studio to find homes for disabled cats that would have a disadvantage living on the streets but are otherwise sociable and healthy. We are the only NGO whose sole mandate is managing the needs of stray cats in the community.

There are thousands of stray cats living on the streets in Mumbai without caretakers to feed and protect them. Our focus as an organization is to address the overpopulation of stray cats and the subsequent issues affecting cats. Our activities include sterilizations, vaccinations, treat-on-street drives, and inpatient treatments. We also hold educational campaigns to spread awareness about the welfare of stray cats. Additionally, we partner with Cat Café Studio, a social enterprise also in Versova, to bring attention to cats that are impacted by disabilities. Cats living on our crowded streets are susceptible to being hit by cars, attacked by dogs or injured in other ways. Cat Café Studio finds homes for these disabled cats that would have a disadvantage living on the streets but are otherwise sociable and healthy. Together, we work to improve the perception of these cats and seek loving homes for them.

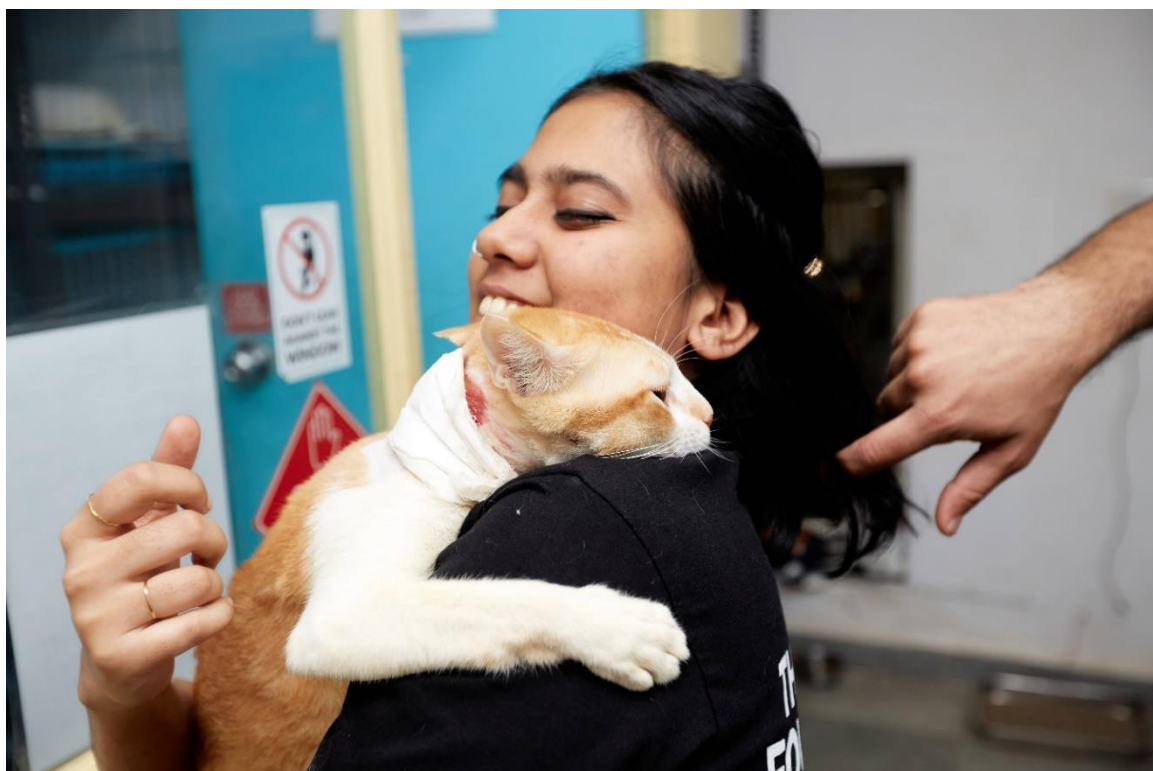
MISSION

Our mission is to enhance the lives of stray cats in Mumbai through medical care, nourishment, population control and community involvement.



VISION

Our vision is a healthy and sustainable population of stray cats living in harmony with people.



HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of our biggest highlights and achievements of the year:

Versova Gaon Project

Thanks to generous contributions from Yolo Foundation, Raksha Foundation, Humane Society International, Hope Productions and many, many individual supporters, we embarked on our most ambitious project to date. We are doing a mass cat sterilization drive in a small fishing village called Versova Gaon. The cats are living in unhygienic conditions without sufficient food, clean water and other resources needed for survival. The cats are in great need of population control and medical care. We are targeting the sterilization of 1000 cats in the area and have already sterilized 348 cats.



Cookie and Tuffy Fund

We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to Jaya Sharma, our long-time supporter and adopter, for setting up “The Cookie and Tuffy Fund” in memory of her beloved pets. Jaya had adopted Cookie, formerly Homer, as a special needs cat from our adoption implementation partner Cat Café Studio.

After Cookie passed away from kidney disease, Jaya decided to honour his memory by donating to The Feline Foundation for the treatment, care, and medical rehabilitation of the other cats housed by Cat Café Studio, so that other cats like Cookie can also find their loving families. We are touched and honoured by Jaya’s gesture and will always hold Cookie in our hearts.

Giveindia

We conducted a highly successful crowdfunding campaign GiveIndia Campaign has come to an end! The Feline Foundation was ranked 42nd, which makes us a part of the Top 100 NGOS! With your help, we have managed to raise Rs. 8,52,812 on the Give India 100 Heroes Campaign! We are eternally grateful that you have supported us in fundraising for such an important cause.





Two-year anniversary puja celebration

As of September 2021, we have completed two joyous years at our facility, our first space we could call our own. Moving to this centre allowed us to expand our operations to levels we could only formerly dream of, enabling us to reach so many more animals and people in need of help. We couldn't have achieved this without our supporters. We celebrated our 2-year anniversary with a small puja ceremony with our closest loved ones and supporters.

World Rabies Day

Every year on September 28th the world raises awareness of the deadly disease that is rabies and how it affects humans and animals alike. Animal rescues participate by vaccinating community animals, and The Feline Foundation did its part too! Following the success of our previous year's rabies drive, The Feline Foundation once again conducted a free rabies vaccination drive at our facility for dogs and cats. Boehringer-Ingelheim India and the Pet Practitioners' Association of Mumbai generously donated 200 doses of the Rabies Vaccine which we used to vaccinate our Clinic patients as well as the animals around Versova. We are extremely grateful for the support which helped us help these animals!



Veterinary Incubator Unit Donation by BookASmile

A huge thank you to BookASmile for donating a Veterinary Incubator Unit to The Feline Foundation. An incubator is a machine that allows finite control of temperature, humidity, oxygen levels and more, which greatly helps with the care of infant kittens and puppies, animals in trauma/ critical condition, patients recovering from major surgeries, and more. We are extremely grateful for such a thoughtful donation that helps save so many lives.

5S Cleaning Activity

5S is a Japanese cleaning method involving a five-step process for systematically organizing the workspace. It stands for Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain. As a foundation caring for 40+ animals and running four full-fledged programs in only 2000 sq. ft. of space, we were in need of a complete rehaul of our storage and organization! Luckily our Trustee Virinder Khosla, who successfully conducted a 5S program at his own office space with remarkable results, decided to help us. He led a thorough 5S training seminar for The Feline Foundation team to help us understand the concept. Following that we had our first 5S session and are already seeing positive results in the facility!



PROGRAMS

POPULATION MONITORING AND CONTROL

The most efficient way to prevent the growth of stray cat populations is sterilization. Sterilization is a surgical procedure done on both male and female cats that prevents unwanted litters. Performed by skilled veterinarians, it is a short and uncomplicated procedure requiring only basic postoperative care. The process of sterilizing stray animal communities is also known as Trap-Neuter-Release or Animal Birth Control.



The benefits of sterilization include:

- **Stopping unwanted litters** - An intact female cat can have four litters a year with between three to four kittens per litter! Sadly, only some kittens survive to adulthood while others fail to thrive. Sterilization drastically reduces population growth as well as suffering.
- **Reducing injuries** - Intact males often get into fights over mates and territory. They are also frequently hit by cars when roaming for new mates. Sterilization can save lives.
- **Decreasing cancer rates** - Unsterilized male and female cats often develop testicular, mammary or ovarian cancers in later adulthood, which is prevented by sterilization.
- **Preventing spread of disease** - Since it reduces roaming and mating, sterilization also prevents transmission of disease between individual cats and cat colonies.

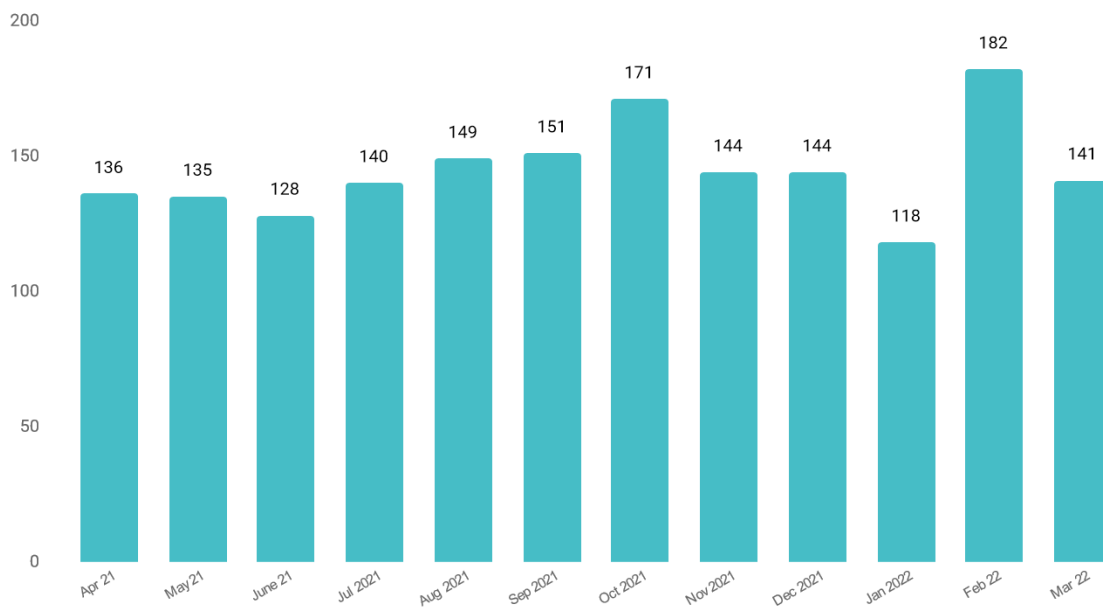


Here are the **total** number of cat sterilizations we have conducted over the last 12 months:

Month	No. of Sterilizations
April 2021	136
May 2021	135
June 2021	128
July 2021	140
August 2021	149

September 2021	151
October 2021	171
November 2021	144
December 2021	144
January 2022	118
February 2022	182
March 2022	141

No. of Cats Sterilised in the Last 12 Months



Versova Gaon Project:

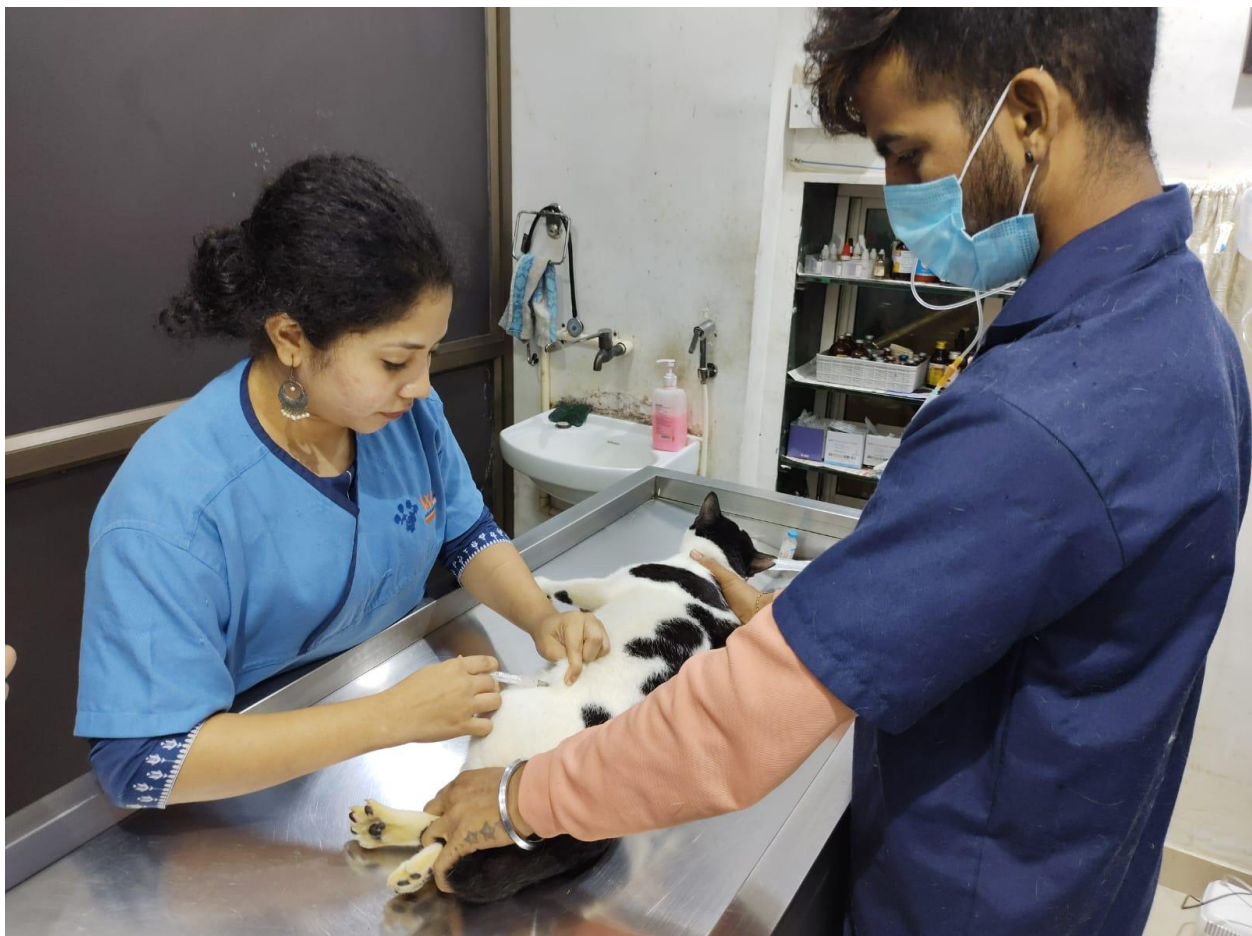
We started an ambitious project within our Sterilization Program this year, the Versova Gaon Sterilization Project. It is a mass Trap-Neuter-Release project in Versova Gaon, a small fishing community close to us with nearly 1000 stray cats if not more. We conducted an on-foot census of the population and counted 864 cats out of which a whopping 83% were unsterilized, that is, left to birth litters again and again. 14% of the cats were in a very vulnerable state, either injured, sick, disabled, geriatric or very young with no caretakers to look after them. In August 2021 we started our sterilization drives in the area and have already sterilized 348. We hope to complete this Project next year.





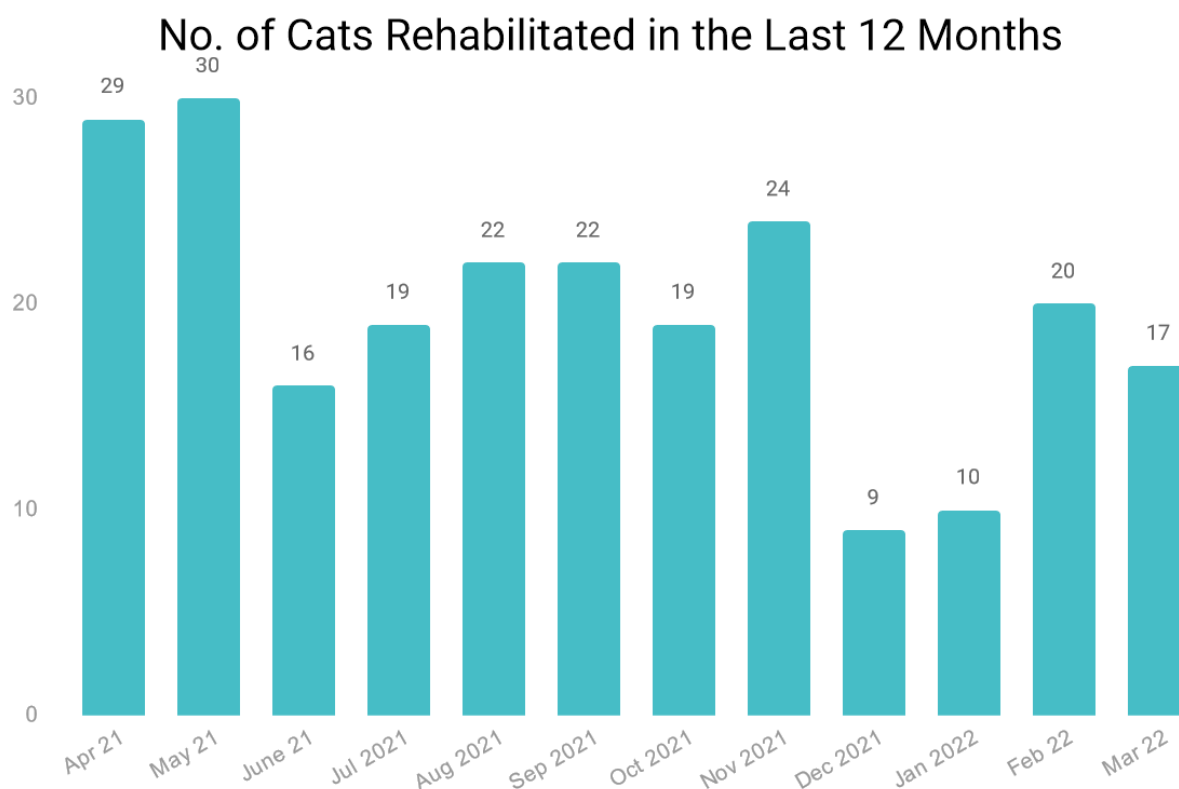
REHABILITATION AND PLACEMENT

Another core activity of The Feline Foundation is the rehabilitation of Vulnerable Stray Cats. These are stray cats who are negatively impacted by their lives in the streets, and fall into one or more of these categories: sick, injured, malnourished, severely disabled, very young, or geriatric. We are aware that there are thousands of stray cats in Mumbai, and possibly thousands in Versova alone. In order to make the most of our limited resources as an animal welfare organization, we admit only healthy stray cats in our Sterilization Program, and only Vulnerable Stray Cats in our Rehabilitation and Placement Program.



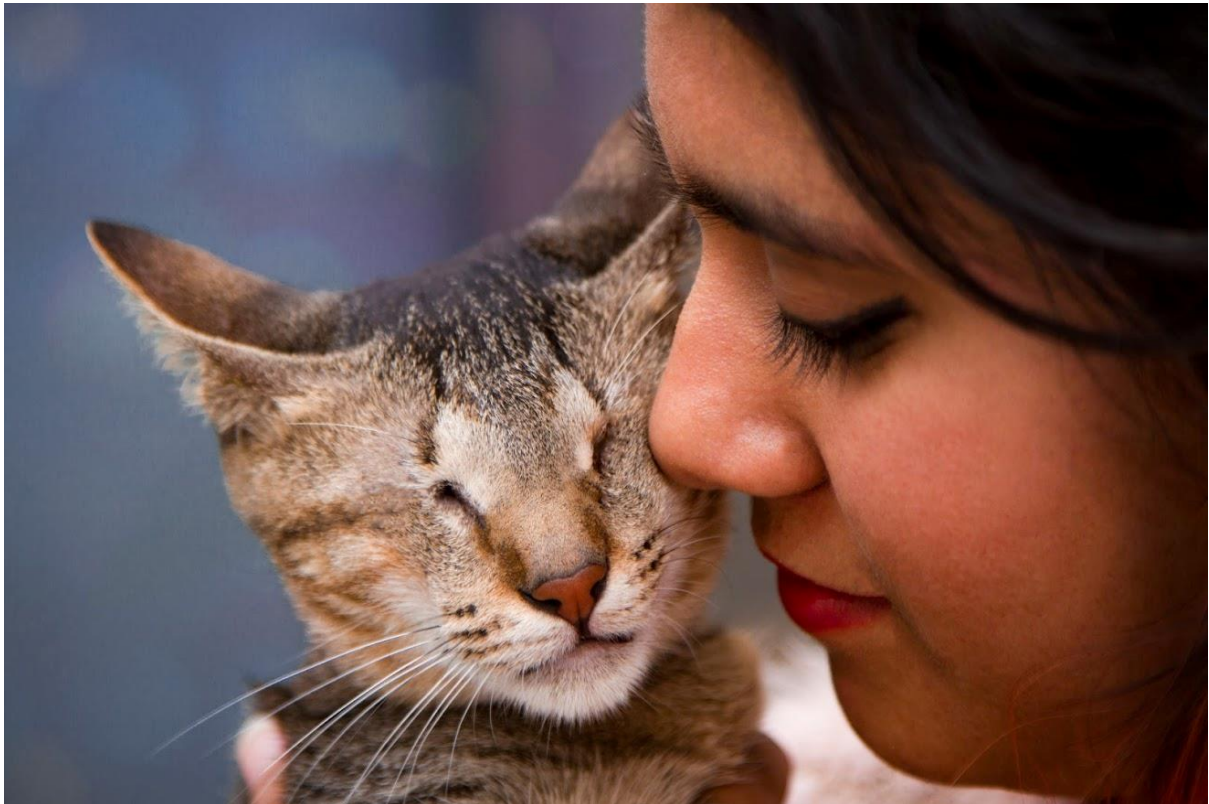
Here are the number of Vulnerable Stray Cats from the Versova Area admitted over the last 12 months:

Month	No. of VSCs Admitted
April 2021	29
May 2021	30
June 2021	16
July 2021	19
August 2021	22
September 2021	22
October 2021	19
November 2021	24
December 2021	9
January 2022	10
February 2022	20
March 2022	17



ADOPTION PARTNERSHIP

Sometimes the cats that we rescue have disabilities that would impact their survival outside even after treatment. These are cats that have lost limbs, cannot see properly, or have some chronic issue that could affect their ability to move out of a car's away or escape from a chasing dog. We work with Cat Café Studio to find homes for these cats since their disability would not prevent them from being loving pets and living long, comfortable lives indoors. Together, we also spread awareness about stray cat welfare. Between one and five cats are transferred to Cat Café Studio for adoption every month. Each cat is fully treated for medical issues, socialized for human interaction, sterilized, and provided with vaccines and parasite prevention.



We also have a foster program where our volunteers can opt to care for a young, healthy kitten or a litter of kittens that is not yet ready for vaccination. Foster volunteers help prepare kittens for living in a home before they can go up for adoption at Cat Café Studio. They also help get the kittens adopted since they have closer insight into their personalities. By keeping them in their homes until they can be vaccinated at 8 weeks old, they keep them away from contagious illnesses they could contract in the clinic. Volunteers can also foster adult cats that do not do well in the group housing setting at Cat Café Studio, or need a few weeks of quiet recovery from an illness before they can go up for adoption.

A FEW SPECIAL CASES

Noor

Noor had been brought to us with his left hind limb shattered in such a way that his bones were protruding out and the lower half of his leg was barely attached with no obvious sensation. His tail also was severely damaged. The cat was in visible pain and suffering from shock. It seemed that he got himself stuck into a railway track. We successfully conducted an emergency amputation of his tail and hind limb and sterilized him during the same surgery. After a period of recovery, Noor 'graduated' to Cat Café Studio where he is awaiting his future home as a loved pet kitty.



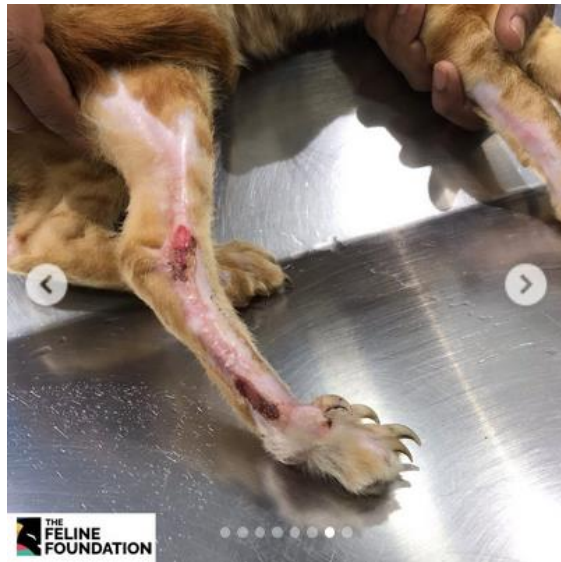
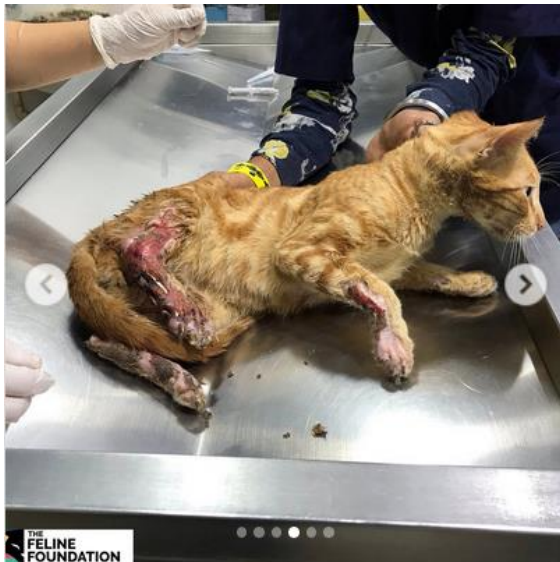
Milton

Milton had come to us with his arm had been completely eaten off by maggots. Only the bones were visible. Someone had luckily found him before his state worsened. Our vets removed the remaining maggots that were still inside his arm and conducted an amputation surgery. After a lengthy recovery, Milton has 'graduated' to Cat Café Studio where he is waiting for his future adoptive family.



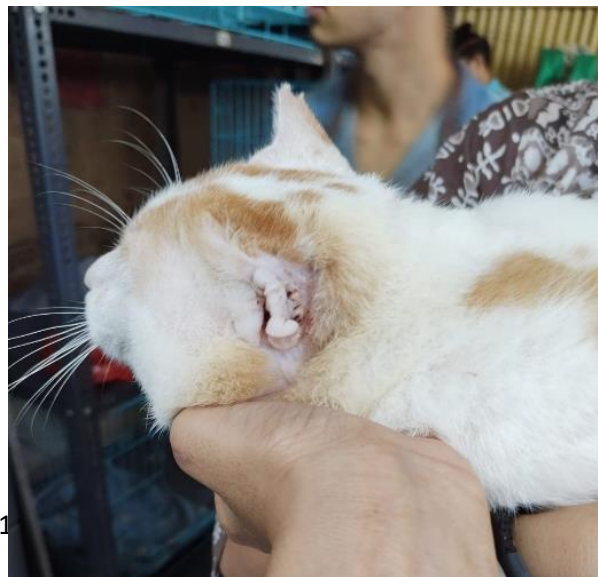
Pronov

Pronov's rescuer brought him to us after he fell into a vat of hot cooking oil and sustained a terrible burn which became a massive wound. We were worried that he would need an amputation but luckily we managed to save his leg through diligent daily treatment and dressing. Pronov recovered slowly and steadily and was soon stable enough to undergo his sterilization surgery. After his leg completely healed, Pronov was released back into the care of his loving caretaker Vasanti.



Bonito

Bonito had a deep maggot wound behind his ear which had been left untreated leading to bad infection, overall weakness and pain. Thankfully, he was brought to The Feline Foundation in the nick of time. We applied maggoticide to kill and expel the maggots and thoroughly cleaned out wound. What followed was a daily course of wound dressing and antibiotics to help the wound heal at a good rate. After a good recovery, Bonito also got neutered and vaccinated. Soon after he was released back to his territory.



COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINIC

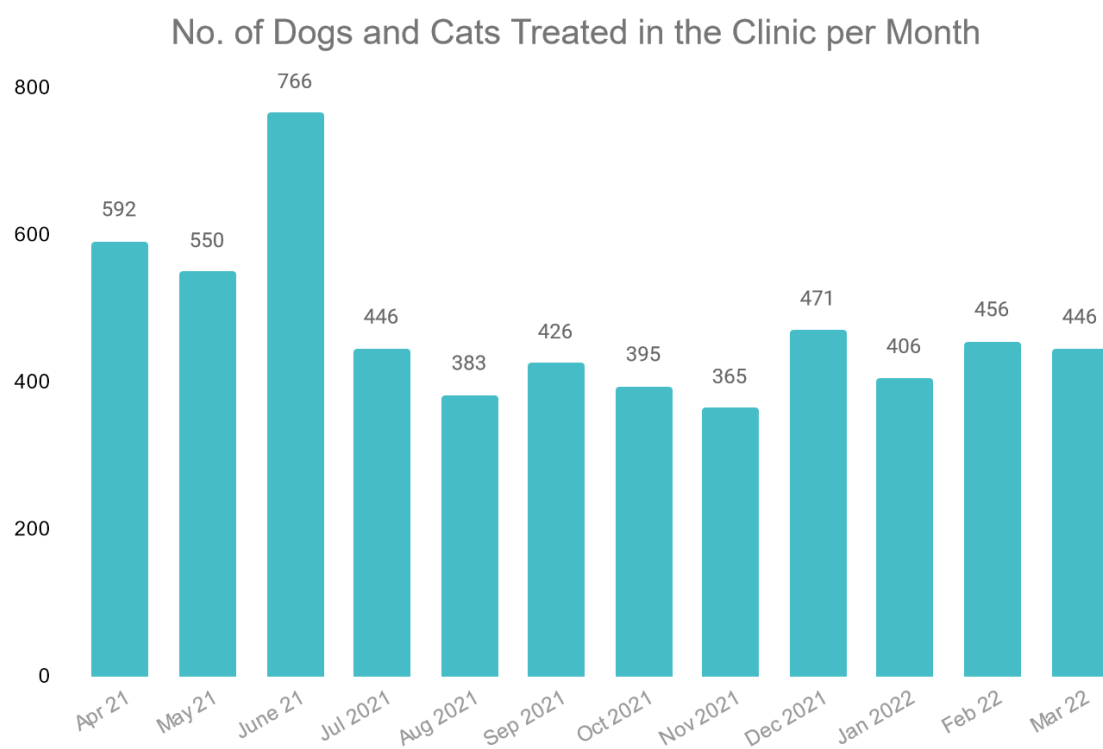
There are thousands if not millions of stray animals in Mumbai and the majority of them lack access to medical care. Veterinary medicine is considered the biggest expense for most rescuers and pet-owners when it comes to animal care. After working for years with the close-knit, animal-rescue community in Versova, we wanted a way to give back to the people that helped us save so many lives. We had what felt like a far-sighted vision of a low-cost veterinary clinic that would leave no animal in the city without access to healthcare. In 2019 we were able to actualize this impossible dream when we shifted to a new facility. After assessing the space, acquiring the necessary equipment and engaging a passionate team, we inaugurated the *first-of-its-kind, completely non-profit* Community Veterinary Clinic on September 8th, 2019.



The Clinic offers routine consults, preventative care, urgent care and basic diagnostics for all dogs and cats, and inpatient and surgery options for cats. Our clientele includes pet owners, animal welfare groups, and general good samaritans who want to help stray animals.

Here are the monthly number of patients treated in the Community Veterinary Clinic this year:

Month	No. of Patients Treated
April 2021	592
May 2021	550
June 2021	766
July 2021	446
August 2021	383
September 2021	426
October 2021	395
November 2021	365
December 2021	471
January 2022	406
February 2022	456
March 2022	446



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We organize multiple educational events and fundraising campaigns a year to help improve human-animal relations between stray cats and the community, and to engage with our followers.

We fulfil such motives by

- Conducting seminars and workshops on feline care by animal care professionals
- Distributing informational pamphlets on caring for cats and kittens
- Posting educational feline facts on our social media
- Coordinating projects and visits with school and college students
- Running fundraising events such as game nights, stand-up comic nights, arts and crafts workshops, and music performances
- Involving our volunteers in all facets of our operations



VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

We run a volunteer program for cat-lovers of all ages who are keen to help our cause.

Volunteers help us by:

- Preparing cages and filling food and water bowls
- Socializing and grooming clinic cats
- Making cat toys and food puzzles to stimulate our patients
- Keeping records of our medical inventory
- Assisting us with visits to the vet for sterilization and treatment
- Going with our team on Treat-on-Street visits
- Photographing and filming our activities
- Writing content for our social media and website
- Designing posters, flyers and other creatives
- Assisting us at educational and fundraising events
- Researching information that would improve our operations

SUPPORTERS

We have grown tremendously in the last year thanks to the help of our supporters. We are touched that we were able to collaborate with so many organizations and individuals whose interests are aligned with furthering the progress of animal welfare.

Here are some of our strongest supporters who stood by us this year:



We also want to thank the hundreds of **individual** donors who supported us through thick and thin this year!

THANK YOU

Thank you.

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